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Dear Jim,

When we spoke last week I do not recall that you mentioned the book the DeMohrenschildt family is publishing this fall, composed of Oswald's unpublished writings. Maybe you and Judy missed it, maybe you told me and I forgot it or didn't catch it.

In today's mail there is a very short wire service piece indicating the above and that the writings disclose Oswald's disenchantment with the USSR. This story also attributes the information of Patrick Russell, Jr., family lawyer.

This interests me, if I can await the appearance of the book for my own purposes.

It interests me because I fear the nuts may move in an wreck what might be otherwise worthwhile. I believe there may be official interest in doing the same thing.

I believe there was some discussion of this when you were with me and you heard me say that I did not regard deM. as in any way connected with the assassination, certainly not as Oswald's "control" of "baby sitter."

I also believe I told you that one of the keys and a key to Oswald was to understand that he was anti-Soviet, not pro-Soviet, and Orwellian, not American Communist. You will find this in my first book. It was completed more than 13 years ago. (It sure seems longer now!) I have carried this farthur in unpublished writing, really alsl incomplete writing.

I don't know if Russell or the survivors want any help. But if they do I'll be glad to help them with this.

There is no chance I'll be able to get to any farthur writing on that book now. I had to lay it aside about 5 years ago. I'd like to get back to it but the other work I'm into leaves no possibility at all for some time. So I'm not interested in the content of his writing for any selfish purpose.

I'm writing to see if when you have time you'd care to give Russell a call and tell him what I've told you. If he wants help, fine. If he does not, also fine.

Cautioning him may not be easy but just about all the others you know and know of went for the stuff on deM that I consider bad stuff, wrong and not even reasonable. My fear is that if he looks for help he'll turn to those people because he will know of them.

This was a broken-up day. Last night the car would not start. No battery. I'd been planning to have the ignition checks as a precaution all winter and never got time to do it. So after getting a jumper start early this morning I took it to the shop of an old friend who specializes in that kind of automotive work. First I found that the battery, still within guarantee, had gone bad. (Sears, second to go bad within guarantee.) Then I had to wait 2 1/2 hours for his son to get to work. Only the boss's son dares do that. I've known him since he was a baby who used to visit my farm. X/X He was on the town last night. He was also the only one who could drive me home, from the other side of town. The whole day was taken up with a variety of odds and ends, so before bed I decided to catch up on some reading. This clipping was among some of them. And there is a bad story by Oltmans supposedly quoting that Bulgarian honorary general - entirely uncritically and unquestioningly. It is all very phoney and obviously phoney. I think it is close to libellous on the deMs. As Oltmans has been. Coincidence that I got the clipping today and read them together.

Best to you all,